13: Hodge & Taylor N, E-5 (1930-1956) 1957
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material is used also in calking canoes [35]. By some Indians mabo noir fiber is considered superior to that of mabo doux (*Hibiscus tiliaceus*); by others it is considered inferior.

Specimen citation: 3256.

Oxandra laurifolia (Swartz) A. Richard [36] in Sagra, Fl. Cub. 20. 1845.

Bois Pian.

A forest tree recorded in the Antilles from Cuba to Dominica.

The dense, fine-grained, tough, yellow wood is said to equal boxwood, and is imported into England under the name «lancewood spars» (18).

Bois Pian wood has a strong, pharmaceutical odor when cut, and its sap is said by some to have been used by the Caribs in the treatment of yaws («pians»). However, the name may allude to the characteristic yaw-like markings found on the trunk.

Specimen citation: 28 (T), 129 (T).

LAURACEAE. Laurel Family.

Ocotea sp. [37]

Laurier de rose. — Baldouko.

In Dominica laurier de rose occurs on forested slopes from lower to middle elevations, but due to its general demand for construction purposes it has become rare.

The aromatic, strong, durable timber of this species formerly was much used by the Caribs for fashioning the boards on which they slept in their *wawina*, etc.

Specimen citation: 102 (T).

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[35] When so employed it is mixed with gomme (gum elemi, *Dacryodes excelsa*) boiled in shark oil.

[36] A provisional identification, based only on sterile material.

[37] The available herbarium material of laurier de rose includes only staminate flowers making it difficult to determine the species with any certainty but the specimen suggests either *O. dominicana* Meisn. or *O. sinuosa* Mez. The species *Phoebe elongata* (Vahl) Nees has also been tentatively identified as laurier de rose.